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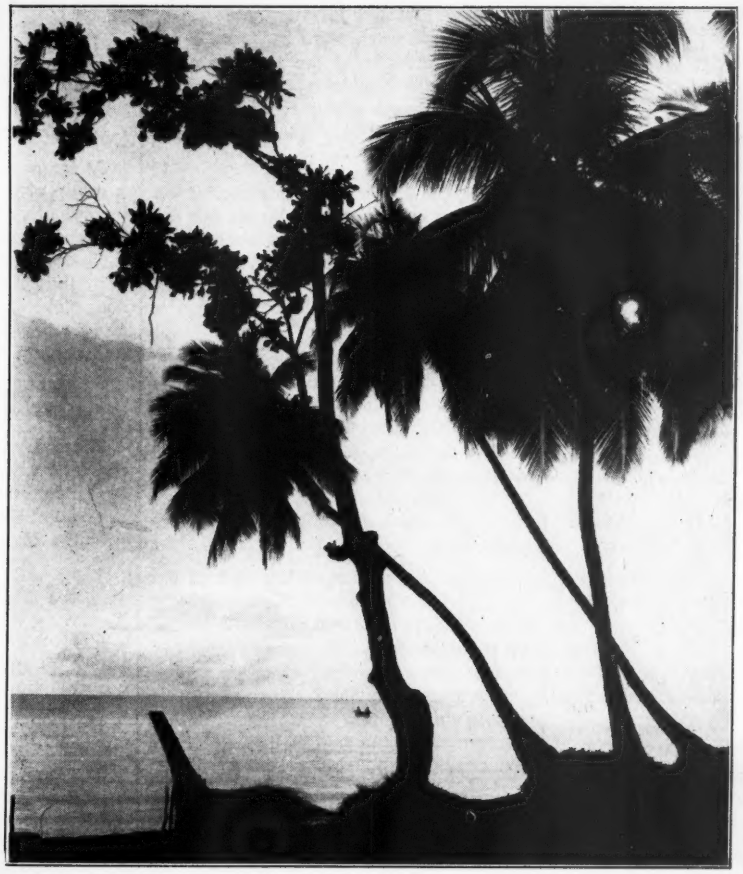

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My Break With The Communist Party

By Kenneth Goff

I RESIGNED from the Communist Party on October 9, 1939 — the day I first appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington. Representative Martin Dies was the Chairman at that time.

After finishing my training, in revolutionary methods, at the Communist school of Milwaukee and Party headquarters in New York City, officials appointed me a "Member-at-Large." This meant that I had to be ready to accept assignments, any time, to work in whatever group, the leaders might decide.

Because I came from a Christian family, it was my special duty to bore into Churches, perverting as many believers and religious bodies as possible.

I served the Party with fanatical zeal for several years. No member can call his soul his own! Every detail of his life is rigidly regulated. This applies to both mind and body. My whole being was consumed with Party interests.

The day a man or woman becomes a Communist, that day the victim steps into a strait jacket. Wives are not even allowed to give birth to children, without consent of the district organizers. For this reason, abortion is a common practice.

My wife's acceptance of Christ, was making a deeper impression upon me in 1939, than I realized at the time. Her prayers were beginning to tell!

Finally, I joined her in the Faith . . . first, inwardly, and later by public profession.

I had long since become disillusioned by the Party program. There no longer remained any question in my mind, as to the true objectives, of the organization. Far from wanting to better conditions for working men, I had learned from the inside that the real purpose was to bind them with chains, thereby making slaves and serfs of the laboring classes.

I knew that the lowest standards of American laborers, were better than the highest standards of the Soviet Union. I finally came face to face with the fact, that the ultimate objective of the Communist movement was the establishment of a Jewish World State.

When the full force of this realization descended upon me, I felt as though the bottom had dropped out of everything. I SAW THAT I HAD PLAYED THE FOOL.

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IT WAS UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES that I read, one morning, about Mr. Dies coming to Chicago. I immediately collected a quantity of material together, including a large amount of documentary evidence regarding the inside operations of the Party, that I knew would interest Government investigators.

Early the next day, I knocked at the door of Mr. Dies' suite in the Palmer House . . . only to be politely informed by a subordinate, that he was too busy to see me. I confess to a degree of nervousness, because I knew the danger of carrying around a briefcase full of Communist documents on the streets of Chicago.

Had I been caught, Party comrades would have murdered me.

I decided to remain in the hotel, rather than risk returning to the street. Every Communist is a spy, spying on another spy. The average red will lick the boots of the officer above him. Advancement frequently comes by squealing on somebody.

I sat in the lobby a few hours, determined to accost Mr. Dies if an opportunity presented itself.

At length, my attention was drawn to a group of several young men, guarded by officers, being taken to an elevator. Newspaper men were following them. A hurried inquiry elicited the information, that the young men were under suspicion of being Nazi sympathizers. They were being taken to Mr. Dies for questioning.

I saw my chance and stepped in line with the group.

There I was, a member of the Communist Party . . . being ushered into the presence of investigators for the Committee on Un-American Activities, as a possible Nazi sympathizer!

They did not discover the mistake until the middle of the afternoon. Counting noses, they found there was one too many. But I got what I wanted, namely, AN INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN DIES.

He saw that I was sincere. He also attached great importance to the information that I possessed. My break with the Party came as a blow to the organization . . . because (1) of what I knew about its illegal operations, and (2) the fact that my resignation was so widely publicized.

In addition to my Party affiliation, I was a member of the National Committee of the Young Communist League —a position of importance in the red movement, because of the League's close connection with the Kremlin in Moscow.

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"The New Modernism"

A Review of Dr. Cornelius Van Til's Epoch Making Treatise On "The Theology Of Crisis"—A Book That Commands The Attention Of All Evangelical Christians.

KARL BARTH AND EMIL BRUNNER are perverting the theological thought of the world. Both of these men were born in Switzerland. Both are writing books. Both are using good intellects for evil purposes.

Both are of German lineage. Both are slaves to those forms of rationalism that have destroyed the vital content of Christianity in Europe, and made the nations of the old world a fertile field for Modernism, Atheism and Communism.

They are helping to make Churches, Church schools and commanding pulpits "the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

It is deserving of note that among the nations of Europe, interest in Barth and Brunner has increased on the Protestant religious side, in proportion to the advance of Communism on the political side. Their teachings are intellectually frigid, devoid of sound doctrine, confusing, destructive . . . and by every test, reflect the presence, power and program of the adversary, garbed as "an angel of light."

Some misguided Preachers and Seminary Instructors, have the mistaken idea that it is a mark of superior intelligence, to try and pattern their teachings after these two enemies of the Faith.

Such men should ponder well the meaning of Colossians 2:8, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Barth and Brunner call their system of theological thought, "The Theology of Crisis."

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CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS of other countries have exposed the sins of these men in other languages . . . but it has remained for Dr. Cornelius Van Til to write consistently and comprehensively on this subject in the United States.

The title of his book, a weighty tome of 400 large pages, is "THE NEW MODERNISM — An Appraisal Of The Theology Of Barth And Brunner."

Dr. Van Til is a finished scholar, a Professor in Westminster Theological Seminary at Philadelphia . . . a graduate of Calvin College, Princeton Theological Seminary and Princeton University. He was born in The Netherlands in 1895.

No time is wasted in coming to grips with the subject. The writings of Barth and Brunner collectively comprise "The New Modernism," according to Dr. Van Til, who says in his Introduction:

"We would rally the forces of Reformed Faith, and behind them those of evangelical Christianity, against this NEW ENEMY. This enemy comes in the guise of a friend; he is all the more dangerous for that. The Theology of Crisis acts as a fifth-column in orthodox circles. The evidence for this seems to be inescapable."

Dr. Van Til discusses all the leading works of Barth and Brunner in such a way, as to tell the story of "The Theology of Crisis" . . . and at the same time destroy the foundation of sand upon which they stand. He denies that Atheism should be given the right of parading itself in the garb of high-sounding theological phrases.

Perhaps the outstanding characteristic of this volume, is the attention it pays to the philosophical background from which Barthianism and Brunnerism emerges. The Author's chief concern is to destroy the influence of the new system in the life of the Church and the individual.

On the whole, "THE NEW MODERNISM" is the most searching and potent critique of "The Theology of Crisis" that has yet appeared — at least in the English language. If fifty thousand Pastors and an equal number of Laymen reaching into all denominations, read what Dr. Van Til has written, the Church of America will be alerted to an evil that threatens its destruction.

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THIRTY-FIVE YEARS have passed since Karl Barth became the Pastor of a Protestant Church in Safenwyl, Germany. After spending ten years there, he entered the teaching profession, as Professor of Reformed Theology at Goettingen.

While in Safenwyl, the young man published a commentary on the book of Romans which he later boasted, "rang

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the Church bell and awoke theologians from their peaceful slumber." The thesis was so revolutionary that it bore little resemblance to the original message of the book.

But it introduced a new dimension in theological controversy and created a demand for other books of similar kind. Flame feeds on fuel. Barth and Brunner have supplied large quantities of inflammable substance, until now their books fill a large library shelf.

No realm of Christian doctrine is too sacred for them to rush in with their poison pens and begin the twisting, warping and perverting process. Because they use abstruse language and highly technical phraseology, the impression exists that only the very learned need to pause at their shrines.

On the contrary, every problem can be reduced to a few simple factors by analysis. The word "problem" is used advisedly here, because Barth, Brunner and their followers have created a problem of major importance and far-reaching ramifications in the Christian World.

After spending many years working side by side, the two finally professed to part company on a matter of minor interpretation. Dr. Van Til shows, however, that, there are no differences of opinion between them on the broad fundamentals of the system they have created.

The pot is simply calling the skillet black!

Both men are children of Hegel, Kant, Neitzsche, Schleiermacher and Kierkegaard in their thinking. Both were early poisoned by the Ritschlian theology.

Reduced to final factors, "The Theology of Crisis" interests itself in man's conception of God . . . and the relation of God to the world. From this core, the system expands to bring into question every concept, doctrine, precept, ideal and ordinance of historical and evangelical Christianity.

Dr. Van Til says: "Nothing could be more untrue than to say that the theology of Barth and Brunner is basically similar to that of Luther and Calvin. Dialecticism is a basic reconstruction of the whole of Reformation theology along critical lines. At every stage of their development, Barth and Brunner are out to destroy the idea of God as ever having existed by Himself."

Barth on Romans wrote: "God is pure negation. God must never be identified with anything which we name, or experience, or conceive, or worship as God."

"The Theology of Crisis" reverses the Genesis order and insists that MAN MADE GOD IN HIS OWN IMAGE. God is therefore changeable and unpredictable. Barth has created the term "wholly other," to project the thought that no past conceptions of deity will suffice in the present age. The entire Christian theology must be done over!

It must yield to the forces, theories and speculations of modern science and philosophical reasoning. There must be a new pattern — Barth's pattern!

He alone has the words of life. The millions of believers down across the centuries of Church history, who have enjoyed the blessings of personal salvation, the advantages of sovereign grace, living and dying in Christ, were all mistaken. Their understanding of God, the Son of God, and the Word of God, was at fault . . . because, after all, there is nothing stable, dependable, secure and enduring.

There are no eternal values to which one may anchor — and upon which to rely in this life. Even God is subject to change. The Barth-Brunner God is NOT the God of the Bible.

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BY HIS OWN ADMISSION, Barth does not believe in speaking serpents. He has said so! His admission is on the following grounds:

True Protestantism holds to the doctrine of temporal creation. "In the beginning God . . . created." This point is all-determinative with respect to the question of God's immanence in the universe.

The new Modernism must cut all such ideas, because acceptance of the fact of creation implies the direct revelational presence of God. This negates the theory that the world operates by chance and change.

So a few years ago, when Barth went to Utrecht for a series of lectures on the Apostles Creed, students bombarded him with questions along this line. They asked him, for instance: "DID THE SERPENT REALLY SPEAK IN PARADISE?" Did he subscribe to the historicity of the Genesis account?

He dismissed the whole issue as being of no significance, and said: "If only the friends of the speaking serpent would be less concerned about the reality of the speaking serpent, and more concerned about what the speaking serpent said, things would be much better."

This answer, couched in the language of a metaphor, was meant to be humorous. But Dr. Van Til remarks: "Of course Barth could believe in no such thing as a speaking serpent. A real speaking serpent would involve the direct revelation of God in history."

Continuing the metaphor, let it be stated that Barth SHOULD BY ALL MEANS believe in speaking serpents, for the reason that the "Theology of Crisis" is profoundly indebted to the original serpent, through whom Satan worked in precipitating the great temptation.

The question asked by this creature in Eden — the question primarily responsible for the fall of man, was such as to destroy faith in the authority and God's revelational manifestations on this earth . . .

And that question was: "YEA HATH GOD SAID?"

This is the same premise from which "The Theology of the Crisis" begins. It is a serpent message to the twentieth century.

Dr. Van Til admits that in writing his book, he launched upon "a hazardous undertaking." But no one could have performed the task with greater skill. The future of theology in America will depend, in no small measure, upon how his epoch-making treatise is received by both the clergy and laity in this part of the world.

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Death to Christians of the first century was not a step into the dark. They knew what conditions were like on the other side. They prepared consciously for those conditions.

"Where will you, spend eternity?" This is the most important question any human being will ever be called to answer.

The experience called death, does not mean annihilation. You will never cease to exist. You will be as much alive and conscious, the first five minutes after death as you are now . . . except that you will have adjustment to a different environment.

A thousand years from tonight, a million years from tonight, you will be alive and conscious. Increase the multiple and you only increase the truthfulness of the statement. You are destined to live forever.

I shall take a few minutes and introduce you to yourself. I shall do this by using the shortest word, and perhaps the most mysterious word, in the English language.

You have heard the word, I am sure. It is spelled with one letter. A hundred times a day, you use it.

I . . . I . . . I . . . the word which I use in introducing you to yourself is I.

All day long you use it. I will. I can. I think. I do. I will go. I will not go. I like this. I like that. I like the other thing. I. I.

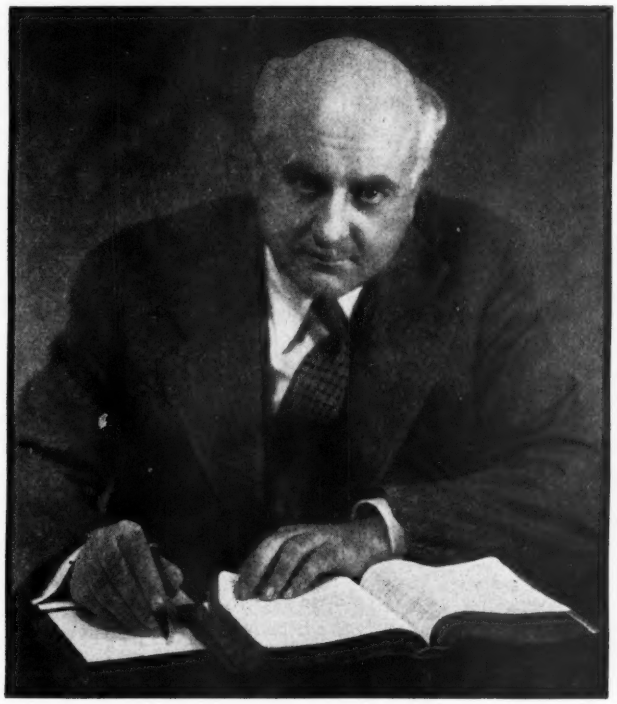
What do you mean I?

What is it? Where is it? Where did it come from? What is it doing here? Where does it go from here?

What do you mean I?

The materialist has an answer. He says: "When I say I, I mean, the physical body. There is nothing more in life. When you die, you die like an animal."

But, we ask the materialist . . . Do you not know that your body is only a garment woven out of a few chemical elements? Ask the chemist what you are worth! Step on his scales. Let him compute your value.



I stood one day in the British Museum in the city of London. I looked through a plate glass window and saw bottled, in tiny vials, the exact portions of lime and silica and iron and water, and the few other chemicals that enter into the composition of the body. I discovered if I would purchase them from a chemist they would cost less than a dollar.

I found that there is approximately enough iron in a human body to make a tenpenny nail . . . enough salt to fill a small saltcellar, enough sugar for your coffee, enough phosphorus to put the tips on the ends of a dozen matches, enough magnesia for one dose and enough lime to whitewash a chicken coop. Perhaps you have accumulated a fortune. But still you are only worth ninety cents.

A problem in mathematics over which some have pondered, is how a ninety-cent man, can eat a four dollar dinner!

The human body contains two hundred and eight bones and five hundred twenty-seven muscles. It is capable of making about fourteen thousand movements.

But if you will think deeply, you will conclude that this mysterious something called I, the human personality, the real you, stands back of the physical body . . . and animates it in its cell structure with a mysterious essence called life. Something dwells in the human body that animates the clay and gives life to the cells. When the real you, the surviving entity, makes its departure, the clay becomes a clod.

The I, the personality, looks through the eyes, hears through the ears, speaks through the mouth, feels through the sense of touch, and smells through the sense of smell. But the body is not you. It is something that you wear.

You are more than a mass of breathing clay. The grave digger will never bury the real you.

Job, the Old Testament patriarch, possessed knowledge on this subject. Speaking to his Maker he said: "Thou

hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews."

I stand here, said Job. Oh, thou Creator, thou hast wrapped flesh and blood, skin and sinew, around me! I am not a body, exclaimed the patient sufferer. I wear a body. I have a body.

What do you mean, I?

Says the philosopher: "When I say, I, I mean my brain, my mental capacities."

Physiologists tell us some interesting things about the brain — its size, its shape, its chemistry, its gray matter. Thomas Edison, called the brain a meat mechanism.

But the question arises, which brain? The brain when you were an infant or when you became an adult? Moreover the human brain is ever undergoing change in its cell structure. It is to be questioned if there is a single cell in your brain tonight, that was there seven years ago. But memory insists that you have remained the same all the time.

Some of you can remember events that transpired ten, twenty, thirty, sixty years ago. During this time you have had a complete revolution of a half dozen brains in the cell structure. But your memory affirms that there has been no change in the personality.

You may say the brain is the SEAT of thought. It is not the SOURCE of thought. Thoughts originate in the soul. No scientist has ever found a poem in the brain of a poet. No scientist has discovered a machine in the brain of an inventor. Surgeons found shrapnel in the heart of a soldier, but they did not find the patriotism and courage that caused the sacrifical death. Ideas originate in the soul.

We have now come to the fact that this mysterious something, called personality, completely transcends the physical. It is super-physical.

Atomic science is demonstrating the reality of the invisible. The permanent

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enduring values of life extend beyond the material realm. Matter is composed of atomic substances. Atoms are composed of energy. Energy is spirit. The world of cause is the spiritual world. The material world is a world of outer effects.

The world of reality is the invisible world. I predict that we will come to realize, the first five minutes after death, that this earth-life was not nearly as important as the physical senses had led us to suppose.

Think it through, and your conclusion will be, I am not a body. I have a body. I use a body. I live temporarily in a body. But this body is not me. It is mine.

Your conclusion will be, I am not a brain. I have a brain. I think through a brain. But this brain is not me. It is mine.

From whence this I? Where did the human personality originate? I will tell you. In the beginning, God. You are stamped with the image of God. For that reason, you are a wonderful being. David said that man is fearfully and wonderfully made.

The original likeness has become marred through sin. But the moral image of the Almighty God can be restored through the operation of the Holy Spirit and vital contact with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The spirit is the personality. The soul is a shadow of the personality. The physical body is a shadow of the shadow. The spirit is the cause. The soul is the effect. The body is the effect of the effect.

Personality is embodied in spirit. You cannot correctly say, "I have a spirit." You do not have a spirit. You are a spirit and you have a body.

I had a friend. He was a poet. He stood one day at the entrance of the South Cheyenne Canyon in Colorado, and saw the two majestic Pillars of Hercules lift their granite forms a thousand feet into the air. He was deeply moved.

Reaching for a pencil, then the back of an envelope, he began to write poetry. Looking up, he said. "Oh, majestic monuments of time, if but a pebble should fall from off thy towering crest, it would cause my death. I would be carried away in the stream that flows below and be known no more. Ages after I am forgotten, Pillars of Hercules, you will remain unchanged."

Then my poet friend realized that this was the sense man, the physical man of flesh and blood, form and function, sensation and desire, speaking.

Stirred again, this time in the depth of his spirit, he cried: "No, no majestic monuments of time. After millions of summer suns and winter frosts have kissed and chiseled you away, and segregated you in your atoms to be carried o'er the plains, or lifted you into banks of fire-mist waiting to be born again, I, because I am spirit, clothed upon by the immortality of Jesus Christ, the recipient of uncreated, eternal life . . . I will look back some day from eternity's shore and remember the time I stood beneath your towering crest in fear."

This was the spirit man speaking.

You will never cease to exist. Where will you spend eternity?

The experience called death is simply the unlocking process by which the personality is released from the clay house, the temporary dwelling place. The apostle Paul refers to the human body as a tabernacle.

May I remind you, please, that there is just one delicate intricate heart beat between human beings and the disembodied state.

Now, what may we know of certainty concerning the broader life?

There is but one source of authority, namely, the supernaturally inspired Word of God. The imagination must not be permitted to run wild at this point. Let the Scriptures speak.

It is necessary to examine a few original Hebrew and Greek texts. The Old Testament came to us in Hebrew. The New Testament came to us in Greek.

There are four words in the original, translated, hell. But they convey widely different meanings — sheol, hades, gehenna and tartarus. The word sheol appears sixty-five times in the Old

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Testament. Thirty-one times it is translated, grave. Thirty-one times it is translated hell. Three times it is translated, pit.

In every instance the word sheol of the Old Testament, somewhat similar to the Greek hades in the New Testament, means the abode of all departed personalities, prior to the incarnation of the eternal Son and His resurrection from the grave.

There were upper regions in sheol, called Abraham's bosom. The upper regions were also called, paradise.

During the three days that the body of Christ was in the tomb, He entered sheol.

This clarifies the fifth clause of the Apostle's Creed.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried."

And now the fifth clause: "He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead."

While His body rested in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, our Lord entered sheol, the abode of departed spirits, translated, hell.

There were righteous personalities there, held as it were by gates. Jesus broke those gates and released them. Hence the New Testament statement that He "led captivity captive."

The Old Testament righteous who looked forward to Calvary by faith, as the Christian looks back to Calvary, were held in paradise. Jesus released them while His body was in the tomb.

When Christ hung on the Cross, He said to the dying thief: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." He did not say, heaven. He said, paradise.

Three days later, after His resurrection, He forbade Mary to touch Him because He had not yet been to heaven. The discrimination between paradise and heaven is clear.

Peter says: "He went and preached unto the spirits in prison." The Apostle's Creed says: "He descended into hell," or sheol.

Turning back to the Old Testament, Psalms 16:10, we find that David was drawn so close to Christ in our Lord's pre-existent state, that he spoke of Him in the first person and wrote under inspiration: "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

This was Jehovah God of the Old Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking through David saying: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell."

Jesus came out of those regions in resurrection glory. He destroyed the gates of hell, the gates of sheol. So, in this dispensation, the believing child of God is "absent from the body, present with the Lord."

There is no death for the believer. Death in the Scriptural sense means expulsion from the presence of God. Old Testament characters in sheol, were expelled from the presence of God. But they came forth from behind those gates, even as the body of Christ came out of the tomb.

In anticipation of this event, David also wrote in the 24th Psalm, and please note the words carefully: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

We now understand the meaning of the words of our Lord when He said that "the gates of hell" would not be able to prevail against His Church.

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Jesus killed death.

Have you noticed that He never preached a funeral sermon in the days of His flesh?

He attended three funerals, and broke them all up. He specializes in breaking up funerals.

A funeral procession was in progress on the road to the city of Nain. A boy had died. His mother was weeping. Jesus touched the casket. Life was restored. He broke up that funeral!

He attended a second funeral at the tomb of Lazarus. He ordered the stone rolled away. Then he said: "Lazarus, come forth." He broke up that funeral.

In the eighth chapter of Luke we read that the daughter of Jairus died with a fever. Jesus put the doubters out of the room. He said: "Maid, arise." Life was restored. He broke up that funeral.

There is a great Bible Conference ground, at Old Orchard, Maine. It was established more than seventy years ago. Bible-believing Christians from all parts of New England assemble there every summer. I frequently preach at Old Orchard.

For years a fine old gentleman came to my meetings. His name was Henry Atwater. But he has not attended the services the last two summers that I have been there.

He has gone to be with the Lord. His departure from this life was a triumph over death.

I have here a press report taken from the Biddeford Daily Journal. Biddeford is a city directly adjacent to Old Orchard. The Journal is a daily newspaper. I investigated the last time I was there and found the report that I am about to read to be entirely accurate.

I talked with Mr. Atwater's daughter, a lady in middle life. Scores of other Christians in Old Orchard vouch for the validity of this report.

The Biddeford Daily Journal describes Mr. Atwater's death as follows:

"A small congregation at the Methodist Church of Old Orchard Beach, Maine was startled at the services last Tuesday evening, January 13th, when Henry M. Atwater, addressing the congregation, suddenly switched from the address he was making and described a vision of his own death, after which he fell dead on the platform.

"Mr. Atwater was addressing the congregation when those present were startled to hear him stop in the middle of his sentence and say: 'I see a light. The light is opening. I see the throne of God. There are angels on either side of the throne. I hear beautiful music. I am dying.'

"He fell to the platform," says the press report, "and when those in the audience recovered from the startling words, some went forward, thinking Mr. Atwater had collapsed. They tried to give first aid and then summoned Doctor Walter De Mazzacame, who found the man was dead.

"Those present did not realize for some time that the man had a vision of his death and was describing it to them. They felt quite awed when they realized what had taken place. Mr. Atwater had been performing his usual duties, although he had not been in good health, for some time. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, ten months and twelve days."

There is no death for the true Christian. It is only a change, involving entrance into a better world. But an exactly opposite future awaits the unbeliever. To leave the body, out of Christ, is the supreme tragedy of all tragedies. It means that one has completely missed the goal of human existence.

The seriousness of this thought should cause those who are bound by shackles of sin, to turn with all possible haste, repent, and embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

FOOLISH SPEAKING

PAUL HAD TO WARN the early Christians against careless speech. His warning (Ephesians 5:4) has been recorded and preserved because it is still needed. At that time Paul also linked improper jesting with foolish talking. There is good reason for repeating that also.

True, all jesting is not forbidden, but we are to distinguish between that which is foolish and sinful, and that which is not offensive. Even the heathen, who had some sense of propriety, knew and taught that there were some things which dare not be made matters for jesting.

Cicero, as far as we know, never saw the Bible or any part of it; yet his common sense of decency had taught him not to jest about serious things. In one of his books in which he deals with religious subjects he writes: "In matters so serious there is no room for jesting."

How much more should we Christians refrain from such foolish talk and rather follow the admonition: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29. Moreover, if it is even a shame to speak in earnest about some things, how much worse is it to jest about them. The Bible warns us: "Fools make a mock at sin." Proverbs 14:9.

In one of our dailies we noted that a reader asked what is to be done when in a gathering someone tells a story that is off-color. He was told that the least one could do is to show by his whole demeanor that he does not enjoy this species of jesting.

Another subject that should never be made the target of jokes is our holy religion — its hymns and its Biblical revelations. True, some may mean no irreverence by such jesting, but everyone should learn that these matters are not to be made the substance for "foolish talking." God wants us to use our tongues in the service of God and man, for giving of thanks, and "for ministering grace unto the hearers."

—*Editorial in the Lutheran Witness.*

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THE ABOVE TITLE is the name of a new book . . . by Jeremiah Stokes, a nationally known Christian attorney of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Stokes is qualified to write on this subject, having been maligned by professional character assassins because of his opposition to Communism. His new book is devoted in part, to the history of a recent libel suit which he conducted in federal court, against the Author of "Under Cover" — a book aptly called, the "smearer's bible."

The trial lasted six days. A federal jury, consisting of five women and seven men, found the defendant guilty of defamatory libel, and assessed the damages against him at ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Stokes begins his book with an Open Letter of Appreciation to the jurors . . . which concludes with the following statement:

"Because of your verdict, I am impelled to again resolve, that so long as God sees fit to give me life and strength, I shall continue to do my utmost to help keep America free and her Constitution and Republic and Christian civilization alive and preserved, against the conspiracies and attacks of predatory powers which seek the conquest of this Land, the destruction of our Government and the enslavement of this people.

"Gratefully and sincerely yours in the service of Christ, Country and Constitutional Government,

(Signed) Jeremiah Stokes."

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IN ORDER to win his case, Mr. Stokes found it necesary to make a thorough investigation of Carlson-Derounian, the so-called Friends of Democracy and other un-American outfits, engaged in destroying the opponents of Communism.

Some of this information came out in the hearings. But much of it was reserved for the pages of the present book. To illustrate:

Mr. Stokes lists the following aliases used, at different times, by defendant Avedis Boghos Derounian, in carrying on his criminal activities as character assassin and enemy of Christ:

John Roy Carlson
Mrs. Frances Oliva Downes
Patricia O'Connell
Arthur A. Derounian
Thomas L. Decker
Rudolph Eibers
Robert Thompson, Jr.
Herman B. Crandall
Thomas L. Paige
Carlove Derounian
Arthur Ahkassian
Donald Brady

Mr. Stokes writes in the matter-of-fact language of an attorney, as he shows how certain elements of American Jewry are responsible for the existence of the Winchell-Derounian-Birkhead axis. He believes that the Gestapo which these men head, will have to be broken up, if America is to be saved from Communism. It was the patriotic, rather than the personal motive, that caused him to prosecute Derounian in the courts.

Basing his accusations on the court record, he refers to the defendant as "a counterfeit American, Armenian spy, self confessed falsifier, trickster, sneaking filcher of private offices, betrayer of the confidence of decent men, manufacturer of wholesale lies, draft dodger, character assassin, hypocrite, subversive faker."

Many will feel that such a person deserves no mention in a magazine like THE DEFENDER. This would be true, were it not for the fact that large numbers of professed Christian people have been deceived by lying propaganda emanating from these sources.

Who can explain why and how Derounian's smear books are advertised for sale simultaneously by the Communist Daily Worker, and the Methodist Book Concern . . . the Communist New Masses, and the Walther League Messenger?

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WHILE DEROUNIAN usually speaks in synagogues, he has been of late desecrating pulpits.

Christians of Long Island, New York were recently shocked to find him speaking in the Mineola Presbyterian Church. He also filled the pulpit of the First Unitarian Church at Erie, Pennsylvania, a few weeks ago.

The Daily Times of Erie, published the following editorial, the day after his appearance in the city:

"Carlson declared that he does not visualize a Communist threat to America. What he says and writes we do not believe.

"Back in 1921, while American food and money were pouring abroad to help the 'starving Armenians' and other victims of the first World War, one of those Armenians slipped into this Country. His name was Avedis Boghos Derounian.

"He could have done what many another Armenian has done in America. He could have faced life like a man, and learned how to enjoy the blessings of citizenship in our blessed land. Here is what Derounian — now John Roy Carlson, actually did:

"He allied himself with factional politicians that followed a line of strategy comfortable to the Communists. He wrote an article for an obscure pro-Communist magazine, on how well the Armenians back home were doing, under the Communist regime of Russia.

"He also became editor of a peculiar publication known as 'The Armenian Spectator,' and in it praised the state of grace in which Armenians were supposedly finding themselves under the Communists, which if true would really have been news.

"Then he became identified — not by his own act, as the author of 'Under Cover,' published with loud huzzahs by E. P. Dutton and Company.

"The book came out in 1943 while this Country was in the midst of the war with Germany. One of the louder mouths to acclaim it, was Walter Winchell, of radio and column notoriety.

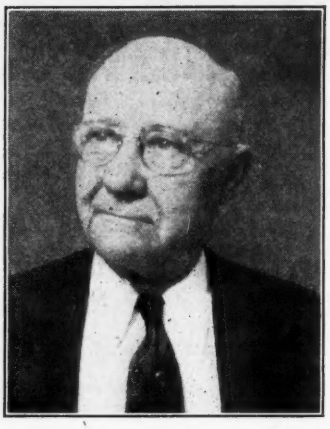
"The 'John Roy Carlson' who had written it was made a great figure of mystery. In the blurbs, the story was told that its author's true name was not given, in order to save him from great danger.

"To obtain its allegedly damning evidence of the way the Nazis worked their plots against America, he was supposed to have put his life in great danger. The book, incidentally, was a smear against persons opposed to the late President Roosevelt's foreign policy — a smear so well laid on that it became a sensation.

"Finally the bashful author's true identity was revealed and Mr. Derounian hit the road, lecturing about the dangers of Fascism in our midst.

"(Three Russian editors, questioned by the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, described a Fascist as 'anybody who does not support the Communist Cause.')

"Sale of the book soared into the hundreds of thousands. Good money was paid out by Americans, who in good faith were shocked by the allegations,



Jeremiah Stokes

and wanted to know all. Mr. Derounian became an overnight sensation and his pockets filled with capitalistic gold. Then the bubble was pierced. The libel suits began.

"And in 'The Nation,' the 'New Republic' (now edited by Russia-loving Henry Wallace), and, by strange coincidence, the Communist 'New Masses,' the screeches of defense began to appear. That's the man who spoke at the First Unitarian Church last night.

"The 'Times' could admire a man who will stand up and admit what he is. It has only scorn for one who will prostitute his real beliefs for a price. And our contempt is as great, for those who coddle and condone and encourage the Carlsons, the pinks, and their fellow travelers."

So concludes the editorial in the Erie (Pa.) Daily Times.

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THE PLOT behind the "Under Cover" conspiracy was to promote a series of Sedition Cases — the first of which began April 14, 1944 at Washington, D. C. Persons marked for destruction were to be convicted in the public mind, by smearing, in advance of trial. Opposition to Communism was to be made a crime punishable by imprisonment.

The scheme had its genesis while Robert Jackson was Attorney General. Francis Biddle carried it to completion. Tom Clark was Biddle's assistant. Roosevelt appointed the Judge who handled the case.

Providence intervened, and the jurist was found dead in bed the night after N. J. Roccaforte, the first witness against the Editor of THE DEFENDER, testified. Dan Gilbert was waiting in the prosecutor's private chambers to take the witness stand against the defendants.

The trial lasted eight months. An honest Judge later threw it out of court, as a "travesty on justice." The higher court later sustained the decision.

William Power Maloney, the first prosecutor, is today the most discredited member of his profession in America — having been castigated by the United States Supreme Court. John Rogge, the second prosecutor, was removed on personal orders of President Truman.

Every man in public office who had anything to do with the case should be removed. An investigation should be made by Congress. Those found guilty of creating perjured testimony and faked documents should be prosecuted. Defendants should be reimbursed for legal costs.

Winchell tried to create an impression, through his Jergens-jargon Sunday evening broadcasts that Derounian was an FBI agent acting with mysterious and special authority.

Westbrook Pegler recently reprinted the following letter written by J. Edgar Hoover: "John Roy Carlson was utilized as an informant at the specific request of a special assistant to the attorney general (evidently a reference to Maloney) from July 18, 1942 to October 12, 1942. His services were then dispensed with as he was contributing little of value."

Mr. Hoover is also on record as having said: "This bureau has not at any time substantiated any claims made by him (Carlson)."

Congress now possesses proof that the so-called Sedition Case, originated outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . . and was promoted by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith — which organization prostituted a section of the New Deal Department of Justice for personal purposes.

The B'nai B'rith organization carries on constant propaganda to camouflage its true purpose before the public. An article appearing in the Wichita Daily Eagle of August 3, 1947 . . . originating with Jewish sources, concluding with the following statement, is an example:

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Upton Close says in his current bulletin: "Behind Birkhead and the Friends of Democracy stands the six million dollar annual budget fund of the Anti-Defamation League."

Derounian has admitted under oath, serving as an investigator for the Anti-Defamation League . . . and also receiving $50.00 a week from the Friends of Democracy while writing "Under Cover."

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MR. STOKES has written a valuable source-book for Christians and patriots. It covers a wide area and deals with root causes. The illustrations scattered through the various chapters, serve to enhance its value.

Every Bible-believing Christian should have a copy for reference purposes . . . and to be loaned among friends.

After completing his investigation, Mr. Stokes apparently reached the conclusion that Derounian may be mentally ill. This is suggested by the fact that one chapter of the book bears the title, "PEEPING TOM BECOMES A MOM."

Rev. William L. Blessing of Denver is quoted therein as follows:

"In his first book, 'Under Cover,' Carlson tells how he turned out the lights in a hotel room, raised the window shade and watched a lady strip in a nearby room.

In his latest book, 'Plotters,' he reveals something else which, in my opinion, must be analyzed in the light of abnormal psychology and psychiatry. Chapter 7 is headed: 'I WAS PATRICIA O'CONNELL, MOTHER.' He goes on to tell how he pretended to be a young wife of a service man for fifteen months. He says, 'I decided to have a baby. I accomplished this simply by announcing — Since writing you last I've given birth to the most bouncing little boy in the world.' And he named the baby Francis Patrick O'Connell, Jr.

"Surely this shows that there may be a 'kink' or queerness in the nature and mind of the man (?) who has written 'Under Cover' and 'The Plotters,' for the purpose of making money, and it could be, though I do not say that it is, to satisfy a queer fetish of an inverted, unnatural, effeminate nature. Strange sex desires play a great part in the work of the devil's Communistic Christ-haters of today.

"I think that Carlson is suffering from an inferiority complex, shame of his race, and lack of education and understanding of American history, freedom and liberty."

MR. STOKES also said in his letter to the jurors:

"This is not a vindication for me alone. Approximately 759 other Christian Americans, who sincerely love the Constitution and the Republic of this land of liberty, and who were also plastered with infamy by Derounian's Communistic pen, were also vindicated."

Feel Free To Leave Any Time, Mr. Chaplin

CHARLES CHAPLIN, who for years convulsed American theater audiences with his antics, didn't set anyone to rolling in the aisles with his statement that he is merely a "paying guest" in the United States. Mr. Chaplin has lived in the United States and has enjoyed its opportunities and its blessings for 30 years, but he has made no attempt to become a citizen. He explained this by saying that he cannot become a citizen because he is not a nationalist.

From the angle of the "host" as well as of the "guest," this would seem to present a complicated situation. Usually a guest finds it convenient and beneficial to enter cooperatively, in the activities of the home, where he remains for any length of time. He does not make a burden of himself, and if he remains for three decades, or more, he certainly considers that he is a part of the household. But not Mr. Chaplin. He isn't one of us, because he is against THE IDEA THAT THERE SHOULD BE NATIONS. And because he is against us, he has helped finance radical activities designed to rip the foundations from under the house where he is a guest.

Frequently he has been called a Communist, which may be a little extreme; he also has been called an ingrate, which perhaps is more accurate. The Chaplin case would seem pointed enough to justify a revision of our policy toward "paying guests."

There should be a limit placed upon the time such a guest may remain without legally becoming a part of the family. It is true that Mr. Chaplin has paid high taxes, but he must admit that he has been a rather expensive guest, what with all his matrimonial and allied troubles.

He should note, too, that the obligation of a guest does not include putting poison in the host's coffee; in a measure that is what he has done, in his support of subversives.

Really, if he should decide to go back to his native England, he might be surprised at how few obstacles would be thrown in his way.

—San Diego Tribune-Sun Editorial.

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India's Crying Need Of Christ

By Abner Nelson

THIS IS MY THIRD consecutive Defender article, and it will be in the nature of a personal testimony. I have previously discussed the transitional forces at work in India. Politics must be left to others. I am interested in the souls of my people.

India needs Christ!

There are eight million professed Christians in the Country. Humanly speaking, they face an uncertain future. Yet, this nucleus of Indian population, on fire for God, could produce a revival of incalculable proportions.

The percentage of Christian converts has increased twice as rapidly, as the growth of India's population, during the last thirty years.

The "Indian Christian League," which officially represents the Christians of my Country, is appealing to Christ's followers throughout the world, especially in America, to bear them and their problems before the Throne of Grace in prayer. WE ALL REALIZE THAT HELP WILL HAVE TO COME FROM ABOVE, IF CHRIST'S CAUSE IS TO SURVIVE IN INDIA.

But God is able!

The vast majority of Indian people have long wished for independence. They have felt that a population involving one-fifth of the entire world, should be allowed to express itself in its own way. Now that Great Britain is withdrawing, the question rises . . . What will happen to Christians considering that they are in the minority?

Will Hindus and Moslems assume a tolerant attitude?

I have recently received copies of "The Indian Witness," a Methodist missionary publication, published at Lucknow, India. An editorial says:

"There has been enough of Islamic practices in the past, and there is enough now, to convince the Hindu and the Christian that Islam will not be tolerant. It seems to be ingrained in the Islamic mentality in India. But one is confident, for various reasons, especially in view of the general history of Hinduism's treatment of other faiths and racial groups and in the light of its dominant non-violent teachings, that this ancient religion and culture of India will not be negatively critical, unsympathetic and hostile but will employ a definitely responsive and assimilative spirit towards Christianity.

"Any possible risk to Christianity will not lie along the path of Hinduism's indifference or persecution, but rather Christianity's possible failure to unfold its full reality and power of grace. That will be the task of the new ambassador of Christ in a new India — the presentation of Christ's beauty and the power of the Holy Spirit, envisaged in the New Testament, and partly manifested by the Apostolic Church of the New Dispensation."

I Was Born Again

My grandfather's conversion saved our family from Hinduism. My father was a Methodist Preacher. I professed Christianity from boyhood but did not become a born-again child of God until I became an adult.

As a boy I went to school at Agra, the city where the famous Taj Mahal is located. I later graduated from the Government Intermediate College at Calcutta. My father wished me to take police training in the Criminal Investigation Department (which compares favorably with the FBI in this Country).

I preferred railroad engineering. It took me seven years to qualify as a first-class locomotive engineer. I was the youngest engineer ever to be commissioned in India. Railway authorities gave me important trains to operate.

I was once chosen to work a train that carried certain railway officials, a long distance, for a funeral. The order said to get them there as soon as possible. I broke all previous speed records. In my vocation, I was considered a success.

I professed to be a Christian, but found later that the true content of Christianity, had never been explained to me. I confused PROFESSION for POSSESSION.

Although active in Church work, I had never really been born from above, by the power of the Spirit. I lived in sin and worldly pleasure. But finally there came a crisis in my life that changed everything.

On the night of April 3, 1938, while working my midnight mail train, I was seized with an attack in my body, that made me feel I might die any minute.

Our family home is in the city of Delhi, India. My two firemen carried me to the front porch, of Reverend Kenneth Wine's home. He was a missionary from the United States for whom we had great respect.

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I became so weak that I lost all power to speak. But I could motion for him and his wife to pray. I thought that I was dying. I pleaded inwardly, as best I could in my weakened state, for God to have mercy upon me.

Brother and Sister Wine prayed. I cannot explain what happened. I only know that waves of spiritual power floated over me. This continued for nearly two hours. The experience was wholly supernatural. I knew that God was dealing mightily with me. During the transformation, I yielded myself completely to the Saviour.

I prayed like this: "Here I am, my Lord. I am helpless. If I die, receive me into Thy bosom. If I am permitted to live, I will serve Thee the rest of my life. Take me as I am. Make of me whatever suits your plan and India's need."

Finally, a great peace filled my soul. I became more happy than ever before in my life. I wanted to run out of the house and wake up the sleeping inhabitants. I wanted to tell everybody, far and near, that JESUS IS REAL, and that salvation is true.

I saw in vision, the teeming millions of India, dead in sin, blinded by heathenism and bound by Satan. It seemed, for a time, that my heart would break with pain, as God showed me their awful plight. At length, I dropped off to sleep.

I arose the next morning, a new man in Christ Jesus. I have since kept my covenant with the Saviour, by telling everyone I can possibly reach, about the power of the Holy Spirit to transform human lives.

I Carried The "Big Three"

War clouds were hanging over the world in 1941, when I volunteered for military service with the British forces. My knowledge of locomotive engineering was put to use and I was placed in train service.

Death shadowed me all the time, as I handled my railroad duties. On one occasion, I carried ammunition and bombs for 54 hours without rest. Little food was available. I asked God to increase the nourishment contained in the small quantity, even as Jesus multiplied the few loaves and fishes.

During that trip, bullets rained on the engine, at one point. My cab near the engine was pierced in dozens of places. One bullet came within an inch of my head. I have always thanked God for sparing our lives.

On another occasion, I was called to the roundhouse for secret orders. This was after I had been taken to the Near East.

Commanding officers told me that I was soon to be sent, on a highly confidential and secret mission. I was given special security instructions and forbidden to converse with anyone, except the officers who would be constantly, day and night, at my side. I was told that my trip was to be one of mystery. A strict military guard was present from the start.

Not until many hours after the trip ended, when the officers who watched over me and guarded my person were ready to leave, did I learn that my train had carried Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.

After Germany surrendered, certain rulers of Arabian countries, in the Near East, chartered a royal train for an inspection tour. I was chosen to operate it. High military officials traveled with me in my cab. Guards were posted every few hundred yards, along the track.

Every such guard was required to hold high a torch while the train passed by. Although I was busy with my eyes watching the rail, my ears listening to every click of the engine, and my nose prepared to smell anything that might be burning, my mind was occupied with other thoughts.

I was searching my heart and asking: "Will I be standing on duty, with my torch burning, when the King of Kings comes in power and glory?"

I Know Dr. E. Stanley Jones

After four and one-half years in the middle East and North Africa, my entire division returned to India and was shifted to Burma. I became attached to the United States Army 725 Railroad Battalion.

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It was my privilege to conduct frequent services for American soldiers. I met many fine young men from Christian homes.

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. . . India with the richest of the rich people, and the poorest of the poor.

. . . India the land of contrasts, with the most gorgeous homes and architecture, and also millions of little thatched huts of mud.

. . . India with her teeming population of 400-million souls.

. . . India the most religious Country in the world, but steeped in superstition, paganism, idolatry and heathenism.

My India! During all those years, in the military, my prayers ascended night and day, for the light of the Gospel to pierce the clouds of moral and spiritual darkness in which the land is enveloped.

One man, above others, had an opportunity to bless India and give to her the truth so much needed. That man was Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the famous Methodist missionary.

But I am sorry to say that he frittered away the opportunity. He allowed himself to drift too far to the left, both religiously and politically.

In fact, he became so concerned with local Indian political affairs and factions, that the Government had to order him out of the Country during the war. He was given only twenty-four hours to leave. A plane carried him away for the duration.

I know Dr. Jones very well. I first knew him when but a lad nine years old. He came to preach in my father's district. On such occasions, he would be in our home.

My boyhood memories take me back to times when I would sit on the ground near the feet of this great man, and hear him proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. I would often gather boys and girls around me and hold services, so that I might imitate him.

I would stroke my hair with my hands, back from my forehead, to attract the attention of the children. I would tell them that they were hearing a message exactly like Dr. Jones would deliver if present. In later years I also attended his annual conferences at Lucknow. I have watched him and followed his ministry through the years. THE CHANGE THAT I HAVE SEEN COME OVER THIS GREAT MAN, IS ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE.

Oh! Had he been faithful to the message, how different things might be in India today. Once, he had the ear of uncounted multitudes of my countrymen.

The last time I heard him speak was in 1946, after the war, in the city of Madras. I sat close to the platform. He looked very old and tried. It might have been an entirely different man, and the voice of someone else, as far as the message was concerned.

The second Jones, whom I heard that day, was a different man from the first Jones, that stirred India so deeply in the past.

I felt strangely moved by what I saw and heard. It seemed like a bad dream — like a trick of fate maneuvered by Satan.

He preached politics and Modernism. I thought as I sat there, that India needs no one from across the seas, to come and instruct her in matters political. She has her own Gandhis and Jinnahs. INDIA NEEDS CHRIST.

As he drew to a close, I stood to my feet. Surely he recognized me. I wanted to remind him of the old days. I wanted to ask him to put his "worldly wisdom" aside, and again preach an old-time Gospel sermon, like he used to give our heart-hungry people. I wanted to say that he was giving India stones, instead of bread.

I wanted to show him, by example what left-wing preaching was doing for our Country. One of our best Churches had been burned to the ground in Calcutta. The furniture was broken into stove wood and set on fire. The holy Communion set was smashed, and the other sacred utensils used for worship removed.

I wanted to say in the meeting at Madras, that men's hearts can be changed only by the power of the Holy Spirit. I wanted to tell the audience that the Gospel that Dr. Jones brought to India when he came the first time, had lost none of its power.

I was not allowed to speak. Stern orders were given for me to remain silent.

I Plead For India

Many feel that unless God intervenes, Indian Christians face great persecution in the times just ahead. Christ has followers there, who will become martyrs if necessary.

Defender reader! we need your prayers. My life is dedicated to what ever service God may call me. I covet your prayers.

Indian Christians know what could be accomplished by a great soul-winning revival. They feel this is the supreme need of the Country. They believe that such a revival is a possibility. They asked me, before I left home, to plead with American Christians to pray for them.

I was President of the "Indian Christian League," representing 8-million believers during the years 1938 to 1940 inclusive. I continued active in the organization until leaving early this year, for the United States, to attend school at the Northern Bible Seminary . . . of Boise, Idaho.

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"The Bible is too full of filth, to give children moral guidance. It reeks with lust, murder and a multitude of other crimes. It also debases womanhood, and if we were to adhere to its teachings, we would have to repeal the laws granting woman suffrage in America."

For a commentary on this and similar utterly false statements by twentieth century pagans, one only needs to open the Bible to Proverbs 26:11 and read: "As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly."

In contrast with the shallow attitude manifested by atheists and modernists toward God's Word, the greatest thinkers past and present, have found it to be a mine of rich treasure. A few quotations from eminent American statesmen will illustrate this point.

John Quincy Adams

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens of their Country and respectable members of society."

Thomas Jefferson

"The studious perusal of the sacred Volume will make better citizens."

Abraham Lincoln

"In regard to this great Book, I have only to say that it is the best Book that God has given to man."

Daniel Webster

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our Country will go on and prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how suddenly a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Horace Greeley

"It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom."

William McKinley

"The more profoundly we study this great Book, and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become, and the higher will be our destiny as a nation."

William Jennings Bryan

"Let the atheists and the materialists produce a better Bible than ours, if they can. Let them roam at will wherever science has opened the way. Let them use to the full, every instrumentality that is employed by modern civilization. And when they have exhausted every source, let them embody the results of their best intelligence in a book and offer it to the world, as a substitute for this Bible of ours.

"Have they the confidence that the prophets of Baal had in their God? Has man fallen from his high estate, so that we cannot rightfully expect as much of him now, as nineteen centuries ago? Or does the Bible come to us from a source that is higher than men — which?"

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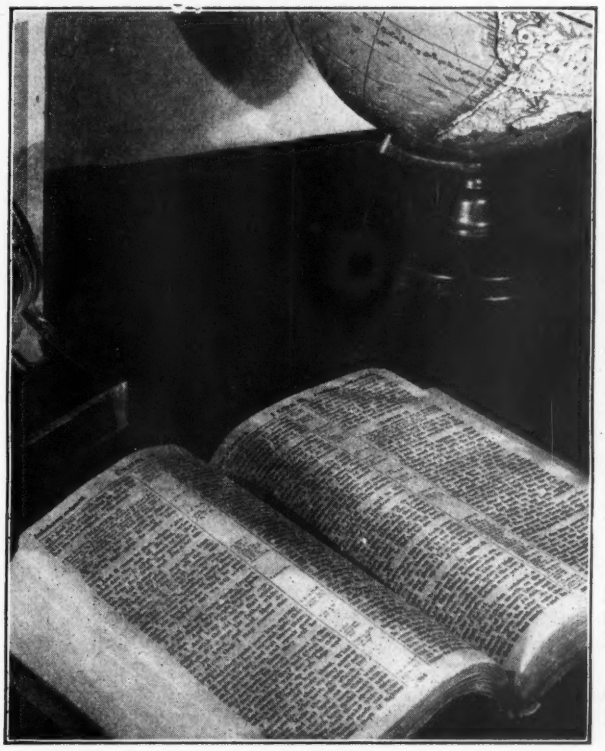
"BRING ME THE BOOK!" exclaimed Sir Walter Scott on his deathbed. "What book?" asked Lockhart, his son-in-law.

And the greatest literary genius of the Scottish people answered gently, "There is but one book. Bring that!"

Lockhart understood and handed him the Bible.



The Bible is a fact. No one can deny its existence. It has continued to exist through thousands of years, in the face of the bitterest opposition. Not only has it been subjected to the vicissitudes of history that have destroyed other valuable books . . . but calculated and definite steps have been taken to wipe it from the face of the earth.

Tousal bought and burned the whole of Tyndal's first edition, but his efforts failed to prevent its circulation. Tyndal took the money from the first edition and printed a second that was much larger.

These books were smuggled into England, wrapped in bales of cloth, packed in barrels, kegs and even coffins.

Church historians affirm that in one century, at least 150,000 people were put to death for no crime except reading the Bible.

The jailer's key, the headman's ax, the rope of the gallows, the fagot of the bigot, the

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Reporting from Washington

ALL EYES in Washington are fixed upon the Taft-Dewey teeter-totter.

Dewey was credited with being on the upper end, when he began his recent western trip. The tour did not pan out like his advisers had hoped.

The Taft end of the teeter-totter began to rise about the time the New Yorker reached Yellowstone. Personal attacks by the White House and enactment of the labor reform bill, are credited with boosting the fortunes of the hard-working Ohioan.

Senator Bricker's endorsement of his Senatorial colleague has hurt Dewey's chances, more than he would perhaps care to admit. It is not a small thing for a former Vice Presidential running mate to endorse some other candidate.

Bricker's militant stand on Communism and powerful blasts against the New Deal, were credited with the sudden change in Republican strategy, during the 1944 campaign. Dewey started out making speeches far to the left, suggesting compromises with the New Deal on the domestic front.

Bricker changed all that!

Before the campaign ended, Dewey was also making speeches against Communism. But the public detected a depth of feeling and earnestness in the Bricker appeals, not discerned in the Dewey attitude.

IT IS GENERALLY TALKED on Capitol Hill that General Eisenhower would rather be President of the United States, than President of Columbia University. But his change of residence from Abilene to New York City, may be a stepping stone toward greater political recognition than previously granted him.

Candidates for the presidential nomination have their minds centered upon the voting strength of the New York delegation. The Dewey camp is showing concern over Eisenhower's apparent availability.

Yet it would be a violation of the American tradition to seriously consider sending a military man to the White House. It has been done a few times, but not with results that have provoked historians to hilarity.

The Frank Kent political column, read avidly by all Washington observers, puts the matter this way:

"Of course Tom Dewey could be defeated by Eisenhower and still not be mortified. Ike is a world figure and anyone mowed down by a former supreme commander is not necessarily disgraced. But a far more bitter and humiliating possibility lurks in the Dewey offing. It is the possibility that Henry Wallace may be the indirect cause of Tom's downfall.

"Republican leaders in Washington are wishfully predicting such an event. It could easily come to pass if Wallace leads a punitive raid upon the Democrats by forming a third party of lunatic liberals. This move, in the judgment of political observers, would automatically insure a Republican victory and thus allow GOP strategists to ditch the unloved but vote-pulling Dewey in favor of Senator Taft, the real Republican leader."

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE officials, who have the best interests of their branch of government at heart, are worried over the back-wash of the Sedition Case.

The victims were arrested in June, 1942. The trial started in April, 1944. The Judge, appointed by Roosevelt, died November, 1944. Chief Justice Bolitha Laws threw the case out in November, 1946 as a "travesty on justice." The Court of Appeals sustained him in June, 1947.

Anti-Defamation League prosecutors, working through the Department of Justice, had until July 30, 1947 to appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Failing to do so, the case died . . . thereby giving every defendant a CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

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WORLD TRENDS

Rogge, Sam Rosenman, Dan Gilbert, L. M. Birkhead, Keith Brooks, N. J. Roccaforte, John Roy Carlson, L. P. Buroker et al, are now convicted in the public mind.

Honest officials in the Department of Justice are worried about press reports, like the following from the Denver Rocky Mountain News, which are these days being called to the attention of members of Congress:

"A former Justice Department attorney will address Denver's B'nai B'rith Lodge at 8 P. M. Tuesday, with a report on the trial of alleged seditionists. The lodge's announcement said the attorney was H. Harold Calkins, who spent two years on the case."

It is understood that Washington authorities are quietly investigating Calkins, and others like him, for their unprecedented behaviour in this matter. They are admittedly violating Department rules . . . and they may be breaking a law for which justice will demand prosecution. Their speeches before Jewish groups are always delivered behind closed doors.

THE ACTIVITIES of Keith L. Brooks, a slick operator on the Pacific Coast, are drawing attention in Washington. It is now admitted that the importance of his propaganda has been minimized in the past.

He is believed to have made a far greater contribution to the advancement of the red cause in America than observers had previously supposed. One of his principal lines is to smear Gospel Preachers who are opposing Communism. He does this on the pretext of fighting anti-Semitism, but the record shows some of his most vile attacks have been leveled against Hebrew Christians.

The operations of this man are doubly sinister because cloaked in the folds of Fundamental Christianity. How far the investigation into his activities has advanced is not disclosed . . . but it may be stated at this time that numerous subversive contacts have been explored, and several anonymous communications originating on his premises examined.

By his writings and private admissions, he is known to be engaged in the circulation of B'nai B'rith propaganda. He has been aptly called the "Birkhead of Fundamentalism." As a matter of fact, he is known to have held secret conferences with Birkhead, and others, of the Friends of Democracy outfit.

The vicious circle in which he operates is suggested by the following chain of events.

(1) He helped promote the so-called Sedition Case.

(2) John Rogge, the prosecutor, whose dismissal President Truman personally ordered, paused at Los Angeles last November and talked with him.

(3) After the conversation, Brooks published a pamphlet which Washington attorneys have pronounced libelous, praising Rogge and smearing a number of patriotic Americans who oppose Communism.

(4) Rogge was engaged, a few weeks later, as defense counsel for a group of 16 reds, who headed an organization called the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee — all of whom were found guilty of contempt of Congress. Five purged themselves in court and announced their resignations from the organization. The other eleven were given prison sentences and fines.

(5) Edward K. Barsky, head of the Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, signed Gerhart Eisler's original papers with the State Department, in gaining admittance, for this secret representative of Moscow Comintern, into the United States. Barsky was among those defended by Rogge, but convicted.

This shows the company Brooks keeps. For years he has tried to destroy outstanding religious leaders by his smearing. He now stands condemned before the Christian public. Some whom he tried to destroy, are expressing willingness to meet him publicly anywhere, any time, under any circumstances.

WASHINGTON is currently agog over the Senatorial investigation of Howard Hughes, Elliott Roosevelt, Julius Krug and Henry Kaiser. The disclosures represent a new low in New Deal treachery, deception and intrigue.

Capital circles are perhaps more responsive to reactions on the part of voters over the Country today than at any previous time. Public impatience with Senator Homer Ferguson for doing MUCH INVESTIGATING AND LITTLE PROSECUTING is registering here.

Serious charges, in connection with this particular investigation, were made against Senator Brewster of Maine, a member of the Ferguson committee. Hughes charged that Brewster offered to make a deal with him, whereby the whole matter would have been dropped.

The Senator's reply based upon the sixth chapter of Nehemiah can hardly be regarded as impressive.

Observers are calling attention to the use of Brewster's franking privilege, by the leftist "Institute for American Democracy," and asking . . . whether or not he may have, somewhere along the line, imbibed drafts of New Deal poison.

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Communism. It aids and abets Birkhead and the so-called Friends of Democracy.

Just why the Republican Senator from Maine should be making speeches that such a group approves, and permit the mailing to be done at government expense, is not clear.

THE THING is happening at Washington, that Hollywood producers hoped would never occur. A thousand files are bulging with documented reports on subversive and criminal activities, by members of the movie colony. The stench smells to high heaven!

Investigators think they know, for instance, why the mediocre Frank Sinatra was ballyhooed into his present position. The build-up was managed by individuals and groups, whose patriotism is open to serious question.

Sinatra is a pet of the Communist Daily Worker. Barnard Rubin, staff writer in this enemy publication, says:

"Frank Sinatra may be poison-penned soon by Westbrook Pegler and Robert Ruark of Scripps-Howard. Sinatra's crime: Being against racial discrimination."

Rubin was removed last year, from the editorial staff of the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, in Tokyo, on orders of General MacArthur after his Communist background became known. He was accused of disloyalty. Now he spends his time writing nice things about the Hollywood playboy.

Sinatra's association with Lucky Luciano, white slaver and convicted vice baron, is also in the dossier.

THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY is like the boy, whose mother caught him with the jar of jam, in his hands. He told her, he was just getting ready to put it back on the shelf.

Charles Schlaifer, an official of the Motion Picture Association of America, announces that amendments have been added to the publicity code of his organization, to assure "good taste and decency."

He expresses alarm over the fact that some States have recently introduced legislation, to curb certain kinds of motion picture advertising. The new amendments provide:

That publicity for films as well as advertising, shall not capitalize on court actions dealing with censorship or censorship disputes.

That the ban on nudity in pictures shall be extended to bar depicting clothed figures, "in such manner as to be offensive or contrary to good taste or morals."

That advertising shall "conform to fact; scrupulously avoid misrepresentation."

The trouble with such promises, is that the public knows Hollywood to be controlled by people who will not allow them to be fulfilled.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRIST-HATING ATHEISTS know that American morals must be completely torn down, if our democratic system of government is to be replaced by a Soviet state.

The Committee on Un-American Activities, is taking particular note of a threat disclosed in the New York World-Telegram, which says:

"The Russian government intends to put a billion dollars worth of gold behind the development of a world-wide radio network, as well as another billion behind the development of French feature films for the foreign market."

The article goes on to explain that the films will dramatize nudity and sex, in a way surpassing anything to which the American public has become accustomed. Considering the large number of Communists in Hollywood, the Moscow destroyers probably expect to find plenty of ready helpers in the industry.

But the Kremlin is apparently ignorant of the moral and spiritual awakening, now gathering momentum in the United States.

THERE REMAINS no mystery about Drew Pearson's cynical criticism of United States Senator Martin. A recent incident here at the Capital, caused all left-wing writers to sharpen their pencils for use against the gentleman from Pennsylvania:

Groups of Communists, calling themselves veterans of World War II, swooped down upon Washington a few weeks ago . . . under the leadership of such articulate non-veterans as Negro singer Paul Robeson and Party secretary Engene Dennis. They demanded that all aid to Greece be withdrawn.

Gangs started calling on Senators and Representatives, creating scenes and stirring up trouble. Not until Senator Martin's office was reached, did they get the jolt, that put them in their places. He greeted them with the following prepared statement:

"I respect the veteran and all that his uniform stands for. But when you come here, representing the Communist Party, you have no right to claim the respect and treatment due to veterans. No one can be faithful to American ideals, and accept the teachings of Communism.

"Is there any doubt what would happen if men like you convened in Moscow, in Russian uniform, to criticize the Soviet Government? . . . The lucky ones among you would be those who faced a firing squad and died quickly. The others of you would go in chains, to the slave camps to toil and starve till you died the slow, hard way.

"That is Soviet Communism in action.

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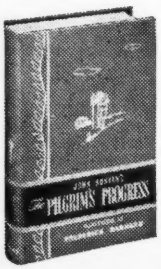

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Yet, you have the colossal effrontery to tell the American Congress how you want things run. There is a place for those of you who prefer to live under Communism. I suggest that you go there and stay there. If I can help to speed your departure, call on me."

Just prior to adjournment of the last session of Congress, Representative John Rankin of Mississippi, addressed the House as follows:

MR. SPEAKER, there is an effort being made under the guise of serving displaced persons, to tear down our immigration laws and to flood this country with aliens, many of whom will bring with them Communism, atheism, anarchy, and infidelity.

When former Ambassador Bullitt was testifying before the Committee on Un-American Activities, he said that 60 per cent of the Communists in this Country are immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, the Communists are dedicated to the overthrow of this Government, they are dedicated to the destruction of the American way of life, they are dedicated to the destruction of Christianity throughout the world.

It is the greatest menace civilization has faced in 2,000 years.

I join with the American Legion, I join with the Daughters of the American Revolution, who have been attacked by honest Harold Ickes, for standing up for their Country. I join with them in opposition to legislation, that would tear down the bars of immigration to the enemies that are coming here to stir up trouble, from one end of this Country to the other.

PUBLIC ATTENTION was focused upon Soviet Russia's palatial embassy here in Washington, the evening of July 31st . . . when representatives of the Christian Youth for America, nailed signs on trees in front of the premises.

Some of the artistically printed placards read as follows: "Beware, Spies Working," "For Sale, Owners Leaving Soon," and "Closed, Rat Infested."

Moscow immediately demanded prosecution of the group of young preachers who did the picketing. No arrests were made.

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN in Congress is Vito Marcantonio, representative from the Harlem section of New York City. By appearance, speech, and voting record, he more nearly symbolizes the elements that threaten to destroy America, than any other single individual on Capitol Hill.

Brazenly identified with the Communists, he was the only member of the House to vote against indicting Gerhart Eisler for contempt of Congress.

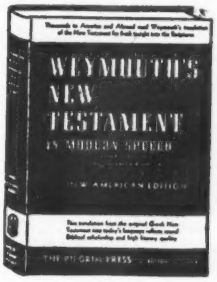
The danger of allowing such a man a seat in the legislative branch of the Government, came home to the American people during the closing days of the last session of Congress. Many last minute matters were demanding attention. There was a rush of business. Time was not available to get committee action on some things, that required action, in the interest of the public good.

Congressmen wanted to put through a measure requiring all members of the Communist Party to register with the department of justice, as agents of a foreign power. There was no time to take the matter by way of the House Judiciary Committee. But, if the entire membership had agreed, without a dissenting vote, the proposal could have been brought directly to the floor.

The rules require that such parliamentary procedure can be inaugurated only by unanimous consent. One vote is sufficient to block the plan.

Thus Marcantonio, standing alone, was able to keep Congress from taking action that would have put every Communist subversionist in the United States, on the spot.

THE TAFT-HARTLEY LAW requires that union officials put their signatures to an affidavit stating that they are not Communists; thereby avowing loyalty to America. The members of the CIO Executive Board have refused to do this. The reason is now apparent. Seven members of the board, it was revealed by Fulton Lewis, Jr., are card holding members of the Communist Party!



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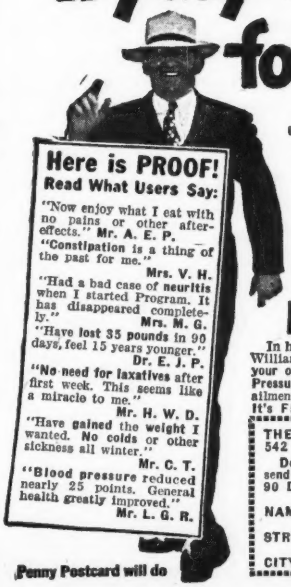

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The following excerpt from my testimony of October 9, 1939, leads up to a vital matter that I wish to explain in this Defender article:

MR. WHITLEY. Mr. Goff, will you explain to the committee the relationship between the Young Communist League, in the United States, and the Young Communist International?

MR. GOFF. Have you a copy of the Communist International constitution?

MR. WHITLEY. The program?

MR. GOFF. The program of the Communist International.

MR. WHITLEY. This is the program of the Communist International, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Goff, is this the program which has been adopted and is used by the Communist Party of the United States?

MR. GOFF. That is right.

MR. WHITLEY. You are very positive of that?

MR. GOFF. I am sure of that.

MR. WHITLEY. Mr. Chairman, this is the program which Mr. Browder in his testimony stated, I believe, was not the official program of the Communist Party of the United States.

MR. GOFF. This is the official program, and under section 35 it reads:

"The International League of Communist Youth, Communist Youth International, is a section of the Communist International with full rights and is subordinate to the Executive Committee of the Communist International."

MR. WHITLEY. Insofar as the actual control and direction of the Young Communist League in the United States is concerned, it is subject to the domination of the Communist International.

MR. GOFF. That is right.

The foregoing information is important, at this particular time, because an organization known as the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, is operating on school and college campuses, in all parts of the United States.

The AYD protests loudly that it is not Communist. This is in keeping with the Party line. Their protestations are false . . . for the reason that the Young Communist League held a special convention in New York City, October 15, 1943 and voted to change its name to American Youth for Democracy.

DEFENDER readers will do well to rescue as many young people from the AYD as possible. The organization must be eventually broken up and abolished, in the interests of rescuing the Republic from the tentacles of the Moscow octopus.

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THE CONDITIONS under which I submitted my resignation are suggested, in the transcript of the testimony, given before the Committee on Un-American Activities . . . October 9, 1939. The record says:

MR. WHITLEY: Mr. Goff, do you plan to resign from the Young Communist League and the Communist Party?

MR. GOFF. I do.

MR. WHITLEY. Following your testimony here?

MR. GOFF. I have my resignation here (indicating document).

MR. WHITLEY. You have your resignation prepared?

MR. GOFF. Yes.

MR. WHITLEY. This is the resignation which Mr. Goff has prepared.

THE CHAIRMAN. I think it would be well to have him give his reasons for testifying.

MR. WHITLEY. That is incorporated in this resignation.

THE CHAIRMAN. Very well.

MR. WHITLEY. I will read this resignation of Mr. Goff's.

To the Young Communist League and the Communist Party:

Three years ago, like many other young Americans, I entered your party and movement, believing that your aims were for the bettering of America, both economically and socially, and that you were the true defenders of democracy.

After three years' work in your movement, I have come to the conclusion, that joining your party, was the greatest mistake of my life. You have proven to me by your teachings and actions that your aims are not for the bettering of America, but are for furthering your own selfish ambitions and those of your fatherland in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Had your aims been true and for the best interest of our Nation, you would not have to call upon your father and high priest, Joseph Stalin, for every move you make, but would have found your leadership here in the United States of America.

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Yes, your speakers rave for hours about the mad dogs of Fascism and how your fatherland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and its leader, Joseph Stalin, are the greatest bulwark against Fascism and defender of democracy, and while these words are yet wet upon your lips, the great Red Army of the fatherland, and your beloved peace leader, Joseph Stalin, join hands in accord with Adolf Hitler, one of the biggest Fascist leaders, and one of the greatest enemies of democracy in our times, and together they destroy Poland and bring little Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to their knees.

Yes, all this your fatherland does, in the name of peace and democracy. But do you who have the protection of a democracy, tell your fatherland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, that you do not approve of the action taken by the Red Army in the conquest of Poland? No! And by these and many other actions you prove, that you and your organization, are no more than puppets dancing on the strings pulled by Joseph Stalin and the Comintern.

Because of your un-American ways and your lie of your so-called defense of democracy, I hereby submit my resignation from the Young Communist League and the Communist Party, to take effect immediately.

I shall take my stand with those who are fighting for real Americanism and democracy. I know that this is a long and bitter fight, and I am enlisted for the duration of the war.

Yours truly,

(Signed) KENNETH GOFF

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THIS DONE, I left Washington for the home of my parents in Wisconsin. My wife approved the stand I had taken. Her interest in the red Fascism ended when she accepted Christ.

I felt blue, discouraged and despondent. Like the man who gambles, I had bet everything I possesed — so to say, on one throw of the dice . . . and I had lost!

My interests had been for years, wrapped up in the Communist Party. I did not know which way to turn. The Nation was being propagandized in favor of Communism, from the White House down!

Neither the FBI, the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agencies, was lifting a hand against it. Mrs. Roosevelt was entertaining officials of the Young Communist League at Albany. I knew from inside sources, that Party members were being given posts in the Army, the Navy, the State Department and other branches of the national government.

The Committee on Un-American Activities was the one exception. And its hands were being weakened by constant attacks on the floor of Congress by Representatives Sabath, Celler, Marcantonio, Will Rogers, Jr., and others.

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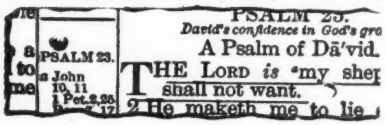

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found out . . . so that their blasts at the Committee, and propaganda in favor of Russia, were proving hurtful. I was not even able to arouse Pastors and Churches, whom I contacted, to the danger.

Here and there, however, I detected a courageous voice being lifted on the side of truth. I read THE DEFENDER avidly, in those days, but sensed that the Editor was in for great persecution. His survival and the triumph of the Magazine constitute a twentieth century miracle.

I was fighting a terrific inner battle during those months. My spirits dropped and a heavy depression settled over me. I found myself so weak that it was necessary to remain in bed. I did not care to live.

Then, one day, a light suddenly dawned in my soul.

Mrs. Goff quietly laid a Bible on my bed. It was within easy reach. In her absence I picked it up and the pages opened of themselves, to the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel.

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I have no words to describe the joy that flooded my soul..

My whole attitude toward life instantly changed. In a little while I was up, writing, lecturing, preaching and teaching. From earliest boyhood, I had dreamed of some day becoming a Minister of the Gospel. My detour into Communism interrupted the plan.

But like Jonah of old, the hand of Providence was upon my life. God permitted me to go by the way of the whale's belly of Communism, but I finally reached Nineveh. Today, I am happiest when standing behind the sacred desk, declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ.

I am driven forward, with the knowledge that He is with me.

For years, I have been smeared and opposed by the Communists and their front organizations. But nothing that they have done, has in any way destroyed the inward peace and assurance I enjoy, because He is with me.

I was speaking a few weeks ago, when suddenly the lights in the auditorium were turned off. Three hundred reds began smashing their way into the building. They had planned to take my life. But the police arrived in the nick of time and escorted me to safety.

In St. Louis recently, I was struck down by local Communist leaders.

When Gene Tunney and I went to the Lake Geneva Youth Conference, to oppose a Communist rally, I was beaten in one of the committee rooms.

This is only to mention a few of the many perplexing experiences, that Mrs. Goff and I have encountered, since renouncing the Party!

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Moscow Wants FEPC

Remarks by Representative John Rankin before Congress . . . as reported in the Congressional Record.

MR. SPEAKER, while we are talking of sending the "Voice of America to Moscow," I come this morning to call your attention to the "Voice of Moscow" as it is sent to America through the Communist Daily Worker, which this morning attacks the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania for its refusal to pass the crazy FEPC Act.

You will remember that they put that insane measure on the ballot in California last fall, and the people voted on it. It lost by a clear majority in every single county in the State. They have tried to ram it through the legislatures of various other States and failed.

The committee on labor of the Legislature of Pennsylvania turned it down 17 to 8 . . . and then they tried to have the committee discharged. The Legislature sustained the committee by an overwhelming majority.

They absolutely failed to bunko the people of Pennsylvania, or at least the Legislature of that State into passing one of the most vicious pieces of Communist legislation ever proposed.

Remember this FEPC proposal is the chief plank in the Communist Party platform.

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powder of the poisoner, the dagger of the assassin, have all combined to annihilate it . . . but,

Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are heroes;
But error wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshippers.

Intellectual pride, too, has often rejected it because of the vanity of man's mind. Infidelity has battled against it with a malignity unmatched elsewhere in the dark caverns of prejudice, hatred and spite.

What has been the result? Always victory for the venerable and noble Book!

It has successfully resisted the sophistries of Hume, the misdirected eloquence of Gibbon, the rationalism of Rousseau, the assaults of Weishaupt, the ignorant blasphemies of Tom Paine, the satirical mockery of Voltaire, the quibbling of Strauss, the shallow witticisms of Renan, the cheap buffoonery of Bob Ingersoll, the sarcasm of Darrow and the insidious duplicity of Higher Criticism.

It is a burning bush that will not be consumed. Phoenix-like, it has always risen from its ashes to new heights of power.

Voltaire, the French infidel, predicted that within a hundred years from the time he wrote, the Bible would be an obsolete book. He ascribed to it the unpleasant fate of becoming a mere curio on the shelves of antiquarians. But Providence decreed otherwise!

As a striking comment on this prophecy, the very house where Voltaire wrote the words, became a storage center at the dawn of the century, in which large quantities of Bibles were placed by the French Bible Society. The very walls that looked down upon the sneering skeptic as he penned his prediction, were later lined with hundreds of Bibles.

Why do men cling to this old Book? The answer may be stated in one word . . . and that word is INSPIRATION.

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An illustration of this is to be noted in the third chapter of Second Peter. For centuries, Bible expositors have accepted, as factual, the statement that the planet would be some day renovated by fire. They made no claims of understanding how such a celestial and terrestrial conflagration could occur. Any attempt at an explanation, prior to the discovery of atomic power, would have been futile.

The passage had to be regarded as mystery in times past. How foolish then, for men to reject the Book simply because there are portions that reach beyond the scope of human knowledge. Faith often begins where reason relaxes.

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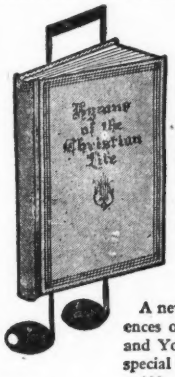

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Writing, he said, was practically unknown at that period. Therefore, the idea of a carefully elaborated code of written laws, coming into existence under such circumstances and at such a time, was unthinkable.

On this false premise he proceeded to build fortifications from which to bombard the battlements of revealed truth.

Then the "Code of Hammurabi" was discovered a few years later. This code of written laws, came from the same part of the world in which Moses lived and antedated his writings by several hundred years. Wellhausen's theories had to be discarded.

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MR. E. HILTON JACKSON, distinguished Washington attorney, Baptist layman and for more than fifty years a member of the District of Columbia bar association, finds it necessary to correct a grievous error made by Harold Stassen.

Addressing the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, the avowed candidate for the presidency condemned the action of that body for criticizing a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, which ordered that State funds be used to finance the bus service of children attending private schools.

The ruling now under fire, from so many directions, was made this year in connection with the Everson Case of New Jersey.

For political reasons, in an obvious attempt to woo Catholic support, Stassen said: "I do not consider it to be in keeping with the dignity or the standing or the teachings, of my great religious denomination, to attack a decision of the Supreme Court after it is made."

A freshman in law school could not have taken a more ridiculous approach to a grave issue of national concern. Mr. Jackson was practicing law and serving as a Baptist deacon, before Stassen was born. Out of this mature knowledge and experience, he prepared a comprehensive answer which is being currently quoted, in a great many religious periodicals — the salient features being as follows:

(1) It is surprising to the point of amazement that Mr. Stassen should have fallen into such an egregious error. Only by discussing court decisions critically or favorably, can corrections be made or public confidence confirmed. His position is untenable in the light of our history and judicial precedents.

(2) Baptist dignity and teachings are not violated by discussing critically a decision of the Supreme Court. "The Baptists have been in the forefront of the struggle for religious liberty and separation of Church and State since the early part of the seventeenth century. They made the first declaration, in the English language, in support of complete religious liberty in 1611."

(3) The First Amendment to the Constitution is involved, that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." This Amendment contains the only "thou shalt not" of the entire Constitution.

(4) The decision was 5 to 4 with the dissenting judges issuing vigorous condemnations of the majority opinion. Other denominations, newspaper editors, law reviews and many individuals have joined the judges who dissented in criticizing this decision — which permits the appropriation of public tax funds to help cover operating costs of private religious schools.

(5) "The history of our highest tribunal is replete with cases, in which the minority opinion of yesterday, has become the majority opinion of today." Several examples are cited. Abraham Lincoln said in 1858: "We think the Dred Scott decision is erroneous. We know the court that made it, has often overruled its own decisions and we shall do what we can to have it overrule this."

(6) Mr. Justice Black rendered the opinion in the Everson case, and "it has been subject to well nigh universal criticism."

(7) The final decision of our Supreme Court is not subject to review by any agency of the government. If errors are made, the only means of correction is through appeal to the bar of public opinion. This is the American way.

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MR. JACKSON says:

"A final decision of the court on the meaning of a phrase in the Constitution often represents the difference between what five learned and patriotic men think it means and what four other equally learned and equally patriotic men think it means. If the interpretation of the five is sealed and sepulchered, immune from criticism and change, then our legal system is lacking in the requisite techniques for self-correction. Fortunately, ours is a living, dynamic law, evolved not revealed, and public opinion has a vital, legitimate place in this evolutionary process.

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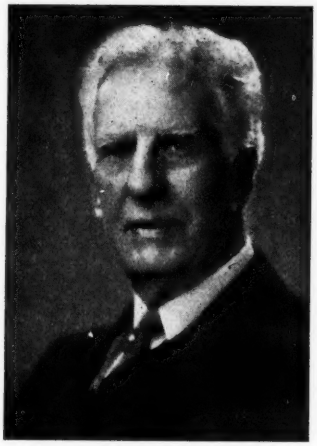

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"3. According to the teaching of Jesus there is no other ground, save fornication, for divorce; and if persons are divorced on any other grounds, such as desertion, non-support, incompatibility, mental cruelty, etc., they are not entitled to marry again during the lifetime of the partner without such marriage constituting an act and state of adultery. This is serious in view of the Scripture teaching that no adulterer 'shall inherit the kingdom of God.' If, however, during such separation, either party marries again, or is guilty of fornication, then the remaining party may remarry without guilt attaching thereto.

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Mr. Spafford wrote the hymn, in memory of their departed daughters.

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Lesson Number 1

August 31, 1947

WISE WORDS ABOUT WORK

Proverbs 6:6-11, 18:9, 24:30-34, Ecclesiastes 5:2

GOLDEN TEXT: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Proverbs 6:6.

"GO TO THE ANT." Ants live in societies. In every country in the world the ant is noted for its industry. Even in summer, when the weather is hot, the busy ant gathers food and lays it up for future use. The little creature does not indulge in ease, nor take her pleasure, as the grasshopper, that sings and sports in summer and perishes in winter.

Ants help one another. If one has a grain of corn too big to carry home alone, a neighbor will assist. The ant is an individual worker as well as a team worker.

Webster's dictionary says: "In the perfect organization of their communities the ants are exceeded only by man."

The ant embraces present opportunities, and rebukes those who would put off until tomorrow what perhaps can only be done today. "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." Proverbs 30:25.

A sluggard is a person habitually lazy, idle and inactive. "The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason." Proverbs 26:16.

The inspired writer would send that type of individual, especially those who are careless in the business of religion — to the ant for schooling.

An idle servant grieves his master. The same is true of the Christian who fails to show any concern over the Lord's work.

"As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him." Proverbs 10:26.

Christian service offers the highest motive for toil. It inspires one toward being a blessing to both God and man. It is a profit motive, but not in the mercenary sense. True greatness can be computed only on this basis. Jesus said: "He that would be great among you, let him be the servant of all."

"I WENT BY THE FIELD OF THE SLOTHFUL." Former Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, said he was out motoring one Sunday afternoon when he came upon the farm of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., in New York State: He described the event, virtually using the language of Proverbs 24:30-34.

"I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction."

"THE SLEEP OF THE LABORING MAN IS SWEET." Dr. Martin Luther once said: "The love that burns in holy souls delights to rest in its object in calm and contented repose. But the base love of gain is a torturing passion, forever uneasy and unsatisfied."

The central truth in today's lesson is — Industry is a positive virtue. The busy little ant may become our professor and instructor. To diligence and thrift, there is a sure reward. Work is good!

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Lesson Number 2

September 7, 1947

USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH

Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:4, 24-28, 16:8, James 5:1-6

GOLDEN TEXT: "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Proverbs 16:8.

"HONOUR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE." It is the chief end of man to serve and honor God. There are many ways in which this can be done. One way is by the proper use of material possessions. Some people PREACH with their money. Other people PERISH with their money.

No one ever became poor by giving to God. Tithing is the Scriptural system God employs for making His children prosperous. We make a mistake if we think that giving will render us poor. "You can't beat God at giving."

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Malachi 3:8-9.

On the other hand, material blessings are promised to those who tithe.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Those who do good with what they have, shall be given more to do good with! Giving to God and receiving from God, is divine circulation.

"HE THAT WITHHOLDETH CORN." It is a sinful lack of appreciation to destroy the produce of the soil. Governments that order wheat burned, little pigs drowned, milk dumped into rivers, cows shot, and corn "withholden," violate the commandments of God. The Word says: "The people shall curse him" who is guilty of this sin.

Governments are today creating artificial famines for the purpose of keeping people so weak that they cannot revolt against their masters. Such rulers come under the indictment of today's Lesson. Judgment will fall upon them in due time.

"A LITTLE WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS." Rags with righteousness are better than riches with unrighteousness. This is illustrated by the account of the rich man and Lazarus.

This should teach us to minimize the importance of earthly wealth . . . and to avoid setting our hearts upon it.

The greatest man in the world is obligated to be subject to God, the same as the humblest . . . and the poorest has the honor of being exalted in God's sight, the same as the greatest.

"RICH MEN, WEEP AND HOWL." The word "howl" in the text signifies terrifying pain and distress. It intimates a desperate form of misery or torment. The misuse of money may bring misery both here and hereafter. The sin of misuse is as terrible as the sin of abuse.

True enjoyment of riches consists in making them serve God and man. "To men of greed, however great their store, Enough is always just a little more."

To trust in material wealth is folly. Confidence in wealth is over-confidence. The rust which eats earthly riches shall gnaw the soul. Many sins cry to heaven for vengeance, of which men tacitly take no account. The rich should help the poor. Both will be thereby blessed.

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Lesson Number 3

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WISDOM OF HARMONIOUS LIVING

Proverbs 3:27-31, 18:24, 25:18, 21-22, Matthew 5:9

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9.

"STRIVE NOT WITH A MAN WITHOUT CAUSE." When accounts are balanced, it will be found that little is acquired by striving. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18.

The Biblical account of Abraham and Lot is pertinent. Abraham could have insisted upon his rights, but he unselfishly allowed Lot to have first choice. Abraham was looking at the stars, while Lot gazed at tall grass. Lot went down in ugly defeat. Abraham's name appears in God's hall of fame — the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

"ENVY NOT THE OPPRESSOR." Though he be rich and powerful, living in ease and pleasure, do not think him a happy man, nor wish yourself in his position. Senator William Langer recently called on the Government to deport the alien multi-millionaire and degenerate Hollywood playboy, Charlie Chaplin. He said that Chaplin was "everything an American boy should not aspire to."

The oppressor is not to be envied, because of his fame or riches. Without Christ and eternal life, he is in reality poverty-stricken.

"A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS." Scripture lays down rules governing true friendship.

A friend will be constant, and as a brother during tribulation. "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17.

A friend will have pity. In his suffering, Job cried out, "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends." Job 19:21.

A friend will overlook faults. He will not repeat gossip. "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Proverbs 17:9.

A friend will give advice and encouragement. "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." Proverbs 27:9.

A friend will be a good influence through healthy conversation. "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17.

A friend will reprove another of sin. "Faithful are the wounds (reproofs) of a friend." Proverbs 27:6.

Finally, a friend will lay down his life. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. Christ is the one Friend who never disappoints.

"A MAN THAT BEARETH FALSE WITNESS." Lies and false witness are more dangerous than hand grenades. To spread evil reports is sinful. The devil is "a liar, and the father of it." Every word contrary to the spirit of the ninth commandment, either in judgment or in common conversation, is sin.

A new brand of evil called "smear," recently appeared on the market. It can ruin good men's reputations, their lives, estates, families and all that is dear to them. Smear is a "maul," used to beat, bruise and crush an innocent victim. Smear is a "sword," used to cut deep into a man's heart at close range. Many have fallen by the edge of the sword — and the edge of the tongue. Smear is a "sharp arrow" often shot from a distance, but able to penetrate and kill. The tongue of the slanderer is a devouring fire which tarnishes whatever it touches. It blackens what it cannot consume.

"They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips." Psalms 140:3.

Christians who oppose atheistic Communism, are being singled out as targets for the maul, the sword and the sharp arrow, by the enemies of Christ. The words of the Psalmist, "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips," can be the Christian's prayer today.

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS." We are living in an era of violence and chaos; days in which men cry, "peace, peace, when there is no peace." Recent

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years have produced more "warmongers" than peacemakers. Representatives of the leading nations of the world, assembled in San Francisco in the year 1944 to draw up the United Nations Charter for "world peace." To avoid offending godless Russia, prayer was eliminated. The Prince of Peace was locked out. There can be no peace without Christ. Men need to recognize this fact.

But children of God can have peace and soul rest in the midst of chaos. Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. This is for the individual.

Lesson Number 4

September 21, 1947

GUIDANCE FROM PROVERBS

Proverbs 6:16-19, 14:34, 16:18, 22:1, 28:1, 29:18

GOLDEN TEXT: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10.

"SIX THINGS DOTH THE LORD HATE." Sin is discord. Sin breaks hearts. Sin is treason toward the government of God. Divine wrath is kindled against it. God hates sin. The inspired writer lists seven sins, in today's lesson, that are particularly odious.

Pride takes first place. Lying is second. Murder third. Clever wickedness fourth. Tolerating sinful habits fifth. Perjury sixth. Trouble making seventh.

All of these perversions have their roots in the human heart. The inner man must therefore be renovated, remodeled, reconstructed, rebuilt. Only God can perform such a stupendous task.

The word SINS is not the plural for SIN. There is only one SIN — namely, a heart attitude of rebellion against God . . . refusal to yield the human will to the divine will. All SINS have their origin with this parent sin. Christ was "meek and lowly," which means pride-less and selfless. Hence, He was sinless.

Pride tops the list, because it is the ultimate, in selfishness. It keeps man's will focused in opposition to God's will.

"BOAST NOT THYSELF." The hideousness of pride is disclosed in the fact that it caused angelic hosts, headed by Lucifer, to fall from their high estates. The story of the great rebellion is recorded in Isaiah 14:12-16.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

A heart that is filled with pride cannot make room for God. We are admonished: "Boast not thyself." Pride also precipitated the temptation in Eden. Satan said: "Ye shall be as gods." The following proverb is therefore full of meaning: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION." The foregoing considerations are on the negative side of today's lesson. We now come to the positive. The Proverbs are like jetties to govern the flow of human conduct. As jetties control bodies of water, Proverbs may help regulate conduct. Solomon spoke of both communities and individuals.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." This is another way for saying that the state of a nation's character, is an index to its political, economic and military stability. Civilization rests upon moral foundations. The national conscience must be kept active. Here Solomon is speaking to the community.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Personal character assures a good reputation, without which no one can hope to succeed. A brilliantly educated young man applied for position with an established firm that would have paid seven thousand dollars a year. The employer rejected the application because he smelled liquor on the young man's breath. He remarked tartly: "You have the ABILITY, but this job also requires DEPENDABILITY." Here Solomon is speaking to the individual.

"THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH." . . . which is another way for saying that a guilty conscience needs no accuser. A weak conscience will weaken the life of the victim every time.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Outlook and uplook are essential to both individual and community progress.

Lesson Number 5

September 28, 1947

WORTHY OBJECTIVES FOR LIFE

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:1,11, 12:1-8, 13-14

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13.

"ALL IS VANITY." Vanity in Ecclesiastes, and usually in Scripture, means that which is empty, useless, devoid of worth, lacking of substance to satisfy desire. It is used to convey the fact that this earth-life lacks the essential ingredients for producing soul rest and genuine contentment. The result never equals the anticipation created by the five senses. Outside of Christ, nothing is satisfying to the nature of man. The world cannot give what it does not possess.

David realized that man, and all his earthly interests, are vanity: "Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity." Psalms 39:5.

"Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away." Psalms 144:4.

Solomon had everything this life could offer. He experimented to the limit before reaching the same conclusion.

"NO PROFIT UNDER THE SUN." When Solomon reviewed all the works, his hands had wrought, he cried: "Behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit." He found no satisfaction in anything material. "There was no profit under the sun," neither by the employments nor by the enjoyments of this world.

Finally, the wise man prayed: "Remove far from me vanity and lies; give

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me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." Proverbs 30:8. There is no abiding happiness or permanent satisfaction in anything that can be tasted, handled or seen. All earthly pleasures are but for a moment.

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR." This part of the Lesson contains an appeal to youth. Young people, in their enthusiasm, may expect too much from the world. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Give your thoughts to sober things before the "evil days," of old age, arrive, when you will be loaded with bodily infirmities and have "no pleasure" in living. Serve Christ now, when you are young and strong. Sow no wild oats from which to reap a harvest of tares later.

Then, in one of the most eloquent pieces of writing in the entire Bible, Solomon paints the picture of old age. He writes metaphorically and says, serve God now while the "lights be not darkened," before your eyes grow dim with old age.

The "keepers of the house shall tremble." The head, which is the watchtower, will grow feeble.

"The strong men shall bow themselves." The legs and thighs, once strong, become weak and bent with age.

"The grinders cease because they are few." Few good teeth will be left.

"The windows be darkened." The eyes wax dim and vision becomes defective.

"The doors shall be shut in the streets." Old age will bring confinement to home.

"Rise up at the voice of the bird." There will come difficulty in getting sound sleep and rest.

"All the daughters of musick shall be brought low." The voice to sing, and the ear to enjoy song, become feeble.

"Afraid of that which is high." When old, one will not go to the top of any high place, because of weakness, heart ailments and short breath.

"The almond tree shall flourish." The hair will become white, so that the head looks like an almond tree in blossom.

"The grasshopper shall be a burden." Little things will become troublesome.

"Man goeth to his long home." Death will finally take the old person away.

"The silver cord be loosened." The thread of life will be cut by death — the cord by which the soul and body are wonderfully fastened together. Then shall the "golden bowl," which held the waters of life "be broken;" then shall the "pitcher" with which life was nourished "be broken at the fountain." "The wheel," all those organs that distributed nourishment, shall turn no more. Our bodies shall return to the dust and the "spirit return unto God, who gave it."

Therefore, reasons the writer, instead of giving our lives over to sin and worldly pleasure, we should remember our Creator. All else in life is vanity — empty. The conclusion of the whole matter is, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

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Lesson Number 6

October 5, 1947

THE BETTER REVELATION

Hebrews 1-2; 8:6-13

GOLDEN TEXT: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Hebrews 2:3.

"BUT WE SEE JESUS." There are differences of opinion respecting the authorship of Hebrews. The weight of evidence favors Paul, though some think Luke, Barnabas, Apollos or Clemens of Rome may have penned the immortal document.

Paul was so hated by Talmudists, that additional pressure might have been brought against the followers of Christ had his name been openly associated with the book. One of its purposes was to strengthen early Christians during a period of great danger.

Believers were in those days held to scorn, despised and persecuted. They had no civil rights. By meditating upon Christ, their pain was lessened. The writer of the book helped them to more clearly realize their standing as Christians. They were rich in eternal values. The Epistle so indicated! This fact encouraged them.

"BEING MADE SO MUCH BETTER." The key word in the book of Hebrews is "better." Better covenant, better sacrifice, better promises, better hope, better resurrection, better country.

The prophets were great, but Christ is greater. The angels are high, but Christ is higher. The sacrifices of the Old Testament were good, but the sacrifice of Christ is better. The Old Testament covenant was good, but the New Testament covenant is better.

Many Jews had accepted Christ. There was a tendency among them to cling to the discarded tenets of Judaism. They needed to understand that the old had been completely replaced by the new.

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The writer therefore penned the message in the form of contrasts to demonstrate that Judaism was ended. Its fate was like that of the fig tree which the Lord had previously cursed root, limb and leaf. The only value of the old covenant was to foreshadow the new.

In Christ, the revelation of God was full. Jesus fulfilled the prophets and completed the prophecy. He is the way, the truth, and the life . . . the founder, mediator, and head of the new spiritual order.

"GOD HATH SPOKEN UNTO US." The writer delineates the character of Christ from eternity, through incarnation and into the consummation of all things. He is shown as:

(1) Creator of worlds. (2) The brightness of God's glory and express image of His person. (3) Sustainer of creation, upholding all things by the word of His power. (4) Become for a time "a little lower than the angels," stooping to human levels. (5) Suffered vicariously on the Cross. (6) Rose with honor and glory. (7) Is the Captain of our salvation.

It is unsafe to ignore or reject this plan which originated in the mind and purpose of God. "HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT?"

Labor Racketeers Disturbed

THE EIGHTIETH CONGRESS was given a mandate to do two things:

(1) Abolish new deal shackles purposely designed to permanently regiment the American people in a collectivist state, and (2) Save the labor movement of the United States from further Communist infiltration.

The members of Congress understood their instructions and acted accordingly. This came as a setback to Philip Murray and the CIO. But it so happens that under democratic processes, even a labor boss, intoxicated with power, CANNOT HOPE TO BECOME BIGGER THAN THE GOVERNMENT under which he enjoys his liberties.

If Mr. Murray would spend as much time and effort purging his unions of Communism, as he does fighting members of Congress engaged in carrying out the will of the people . . . he would come more nearly earning the $50,000.00 a year salary that he receives under the capitalist-democratic system of government, which his organization is trying to destroy.

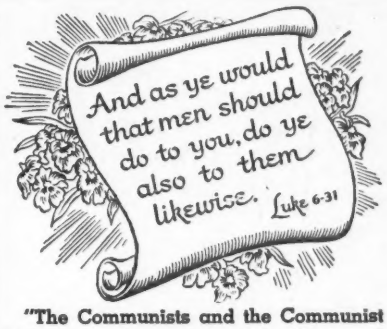
When newspaper men questioned him recently about Communist leadership of his notorious "Political Action Committee," he replied, with tongue in cheek: "If there is any Communistic domination of the PAC, I don't know where it is."

Then he added: "I don't give a damn about the Communists."

Meanwhile the Communist Daily Worker continues to write in glowing terms of the fine work being done by the CIO, for the labor movement of the United States!

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, says: "The CIO has become the actual leader of the trade-union movement . . . The Communist Party heartily supports the CIO organizing campaigns."

The present support which Communist leaders are giving the CIO, simply comes as an echo of their friendly attitude, back in the days of the Michigan sit-down strikes, when William Weinstone said:



"The Communists and the Communist Party gave the most loyal backing and support to the strike, to the aims, policies, and activities, of the union and the CIO."

Weinstone was district organizer of District No. 7, Communist Party headquarters. He was born in Russia and came to our Country in the year 1915.

Philip Murray renders both labor and the Government of the United States a profound disservice, in refusing to purge his organization of these sinister influences.

The CIO was spawned in Moscow, pampered by Roosevelt and led to maturity by the new deal. It has millions of dollars to spend on the elections next year . . . but it will discover that PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY CANNOT BE BOUGHT FOR A PRICE.

An occasional propaganda release may come out of CIO headquarters indicating otherwise — but in the last analysis Mr. Murray will always be found working on the side of the reds. He was one of the chief supporters of the so-called Sedition Case. This alone is sufficient to identify him in the Christian mind!

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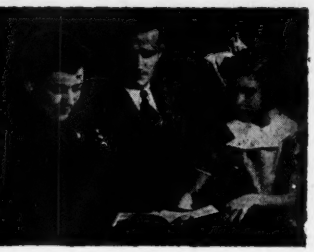

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